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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 CFR 1.53(b) are the specification and claims of the nonprovisional patent application of:

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PARALLEL PROCESSOR AND IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS
Title of Invention

APPLICATION ELEMENTS ENCLOSED:

1. Specification (total pages 110) including:
 - a. 11 pages of claims (22 claims)
 - b. 1 page Abstract
2. 16 sheets of informal formal drawings (Figs. 1-20)
3. Oath or declaration of Applicants (3 total pages)
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 - b. Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Item 14 completed)
4. Deletion of Inventor(s)
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)
5. Incorporation By Reference
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied in item 3b is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
6. Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)

APPLICATION PARTS ENCLOSED:

7. An assignment of the invention to Ricoh Company, Ltd. (cover sheet & document(s))
8. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (*when there is an assignee*)
9. Power of Attorney
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10. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449

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11. A Preliminary Amendment

12. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)

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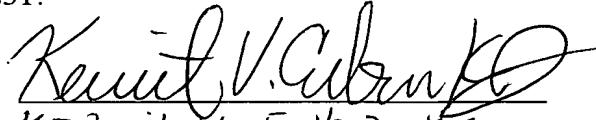
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